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COUNTY OFFICERS**Commissioners**

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman	Sanbornton
John G. Ruel	Laconia
Henry T. Spear, Clerk	Gilford

Attorney

David R. Decker	Laconia
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Treasurer

H. Max Wakeman, Jr.	Laconia
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Sheriff

Donald C. Alden	Alton
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Clerk of Superior Court

Robert P. Tilton	Laconia
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Judge of Probate

Richard G. Tilton	Laconia
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Register of Probate

Dorothea R. Conly	Laconia
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Deputy Register of Probate

Estelle J. Bouchard	Laconia
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Register of Deeds

Everett D. Wheeler	Laconia
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Deputy Register of Deeds

Lora M. Dunleavy	Laconia
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**Administrative Assistant
To The Commissioners**

James H. Pringle Laconia

Auditor

Gregory M. Dickinson Gilford

Deputy Sheriffs

Michael E. Alden	Alton
Chester C. Bickford	Meredith
Lawrence Campbell	Laconia
Carol A. Cunningham	Tilton
Philip P. Daigneault	Barnstead
Robert F. Gilbert	Laconia
Linda M. Hickey	Laconia
Donald S. Lance	Sanbornton
Eleanor W. Merrill	Laconia
Sylvio J. Morin	Gilford
Walter Newcomb	Meredith
Stephan H. Nedeau	Meredith
George A. Poire	Laconia
Clyde E. Rogers	Alton
Edward Sullivan	Alton
David D. Varney	Alton

Superintendent of the County Home

Perley A. Beach, Supt. Laconia

Superintendent — Jail and House of Correction

Thomas N. Myatt, Supt. New Durham

Chaplains

Rev. Otto L. Palmer	Laconia
Rev. George Chicoine	Laconia

Medical Referee

Norman G. B. McLetchie Gilford

**MEMBERS OF THE
BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**

1973-1974

District No. 1 (Center Harbor, New Hampton)	L. Keith Matheson
District No. 2 (Meredith)	Marshall French Robert M. Lawton
District No. 3 (Sanbornton, Tilton)	Charles B. Roberts Barbara Bowler
District No. 4 (Gilford)	Esther R. Nighswander Norman C. Marsh
District No. 5 (Belmont)	Marion Wuelper
District No. 6 (Barnstead, Gilmanton)	George B. Roberts, Jr., Ch.
District No. 7 (Alton)	George Twigg III
District No. 8 (Laconia, Ward 1)	Robert E. Hood
District No. 9 (Laconia, Ward 2)	David O. Huot
District No. 10 (Laconia, Wards 3 and 4)	Carol J. Pierce Peter Hildreth
District No. 11 (Laconia, Ward 5)	Fritz Sabbow Dorothy V. Randlett
District No. 12 (Laconia, Ward 6)	James W. Murray Frank A. Maguire, Jr.

**COMMITTEES OF THE
BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**

1973-1974

Executive Committee

Marshall French, Chairman	Meredith
Robert Hood	Laconia
L. Keith Matheson	Center Harbor
Esther R. Nighswander, Vice Chairman	Gilford
Charles B. Roberts	Sanbornton
Marion Wuelper	Belmont
Frank Maguire	Laconia

Ex-Officio

George B. Roberts, Chairman	Gilmanton
David O. Huot	Laconia

Belknap County Infirmary

Esther R. Nighswander, Chairman	Gilford
James W. Murray	Laconia
Peter Hildreth	Laconia
Robert M. Lawton, Vice Chairman	Meredith
Carol J. Pierce	Laconia

Belknap County Court House

Frank A. Maguire, Chairman	Laconia
A. Keith Matheson, Vice Chairman	Center Harbor
Norman C. Marsh	Gilford
George Twigg III	Gilmanton
Fritz T. Sabbow	Laconia

Gunstock Mt. Area Committee

Marion Wuelper	Belmont
Marshall French	Meredith
David O. Huot	Laconia
Dorothy V. Randlett, Vice Chairman	Laconia
Fritz T. Sabbow	Laconia

REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**To the Residents of Belknap County**

We submit our stewardship of Belknap County for 1973.

Because of the shortages in many areas which affect the printing business, this Report will not include:

- (1) List of Jail and House of Correction inmates.
- (2) Extension Service reports.
- (3) Report of Chaplains and County Doctor. (Not received)
- (4) Audit by Dana S. Beane, Jr., C.P.A.

All this material will be on file at the Court House and is open to anyone during office hours, 8:30 - 4:30.

We commend all departments for their efficient services. Their reports will explain further details.

The uncertainty of the County's roll in Welfare, Manpower Affairs and Food Programs has added much extra work to the Administrative Personnel.

The Superior Court has requested added space to insure more speedy service to our citizens seeking justice. A preliminary Building Committee has been set up and, with the approval of the Convention, we have secured options on property which will be needed. We are now engaged in studies to assure that we plan wisely. We welcome suggestions from any County taxpayer.

The Commissioners are planning to use Revenue Sharing Funds to help pay for the Court House addition. This will decrease the amount of taxes needed for this project.

The County's role in furnishing Donated Foods will end on June 30. Welfare costs are soaring because of price increases and the length of time needed to process State and Federal allotments.

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman
Henry T. Spear, Clerk
John G. Ruel

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
January 10, 1973**

The Honorable County Commissioners
Belknap County Convention
64 Court Street
Laconia, New Hampshire, 03246

Madam Chairwoman and Gentlemen:

Pursuant of the provisions of RSA 29:2 the Belknap County Convention has this day met and organized itself as follows:

CHAIRMAN: Representative George B. Roberts, Jr.

VICE CHAIRMAN: Representative Esther R. Nighswander

CLERK: Representative David O. Huot

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman:	Rep. Marshall French
Vice-Chairman:	Rep. Esther R. Nighswander
Clerk:	Rep. David O. Huot, Ex-officio
Members:	Rep. Charles B. Roberts
	Rep. L. Keith Matheson
	Rep. Marion Wuelper
	Rep. Robert E. Hood
	Rep. Frank A. Maguire
	Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr.
	Ex-officio

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of the minutes of the organizational meeting together with a copy of the minutes for each member of the Commission.

Sincerely,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
Court House, Laconia — 9:30 A.M.
January 10, 1973**

Pursuant to RSA 24:9-a the first meeting of the Belknap County Convention was convened on January 10, 1973, the second Wednesday of the biennial session of the General Court, at 12:01 p.m. at Room #107, State House, Concord, New Hampshire, by Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr., the Chairman of the 1971-72 convention. Notice of the meeting had been published in the journal of the House of Representatives by the clerk thereof in accordance with RSA 24:9-b.

Present were: Reps. French, Lawton, Matheson, Marsh, Nighswander, Wuelper, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Twigg, Hood, Huot, Hildreth, Pierce, Randlett, Sabbow, Maguire and Murray.

Absent were: None. (The seat of Rep. John T. Dodge of Tilton was declared vacant by resignation accepted by the House of Representatives on January 9, 1973.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Chairman declared nominations open for the following offices with the following results in accordance with RSA 24:2.

A. Chairman:

Rep. Nighswander nominated Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr.

On motion by Rep. Marsh, seconded by Rep. Huot it was

VOTED: That nominations be closed.

On motion by Rep. Matheson, seconded by Rep. Maguire, it was

VOTED: That the Clerk cast one ballot for the unanimous election of George B. Roberts, Jr. to the office of Chairman of the Convention.

One ballot being required and one ballot being cast, George B. Roberts, Jr. was declared elected.

B. Vice-Chairman:

Rep. Wuelper nominated Rep. Nighswander

On motion by Rep. Matheson, seconded by Rep. Huot, it was

VOTED: That nominations be closed.

On motion by Matheson, seconded by Rep. Maguire it was

VOTED: That the Clerk cast one ballot for the unanimous election of Esther R. Nighswander to the office of Vice-Chairman of the Convention.

One ballot being required and one ballot being cast, Rep. Esther R. Nighswander was declared elected.

C. Clerk:

Rep. French nominated Rep. Huot

On motion by Rep. Nighswander, seconded by Rep. Wuelper, it was

VOTED: That nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast one ballot for the unanimous election of David O. Huot to the office of Clerk of the Convention.

One ballot being required and one ballot being cast, David O. Huot was declared elected.

D. Executive Committee:

Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr. nominated the following to the members of the Executive Committee and to hold such offices as are set opposite their names:

Chairman:	Rep. Marshall French
Vice-Chairman:	Rep. Esther R. Nighswander
Clerk:	Rep. David O. Huot, ex-officio
Members:	Rep. Charles B. Roberts
	Rep. L. Keith Matheson
	Rep. Marion Wuelper
	Rep. Robert E. Hood
	Rep. Frank A. Maguire
	Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr., ex-officio

On motion by Rep. Maguire, seconded by Rep. French, it was

VOTED: That nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast one ballot for the unanimous election of the following persons to the executive Committee to hold such offices as are set opposite their names:

Chairman:	Rep. Marshall French
Vice-Chairman:	Rep. Esther R. Nighswander
Clerk:	Rep. David O. Huot, ex-officio
Members:	Rep. Charles B. Roberts
	Rep. L. Keith Matheson
	Rep. Marion Wuelper
	Rep. Robert E. Hood
	Rep. Frank A. Maguire
	Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr., ex-officio

One ballot being required and one ballot being cast, the foregoing persons were declared elected.

2. COMMITTEES OF THE CONVENTION:

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following committees with the first person listed to serve as Chairman and the second listed person to serve as Vice-Chairman and with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk of the Convention to serve as members, ex-officio:

GUNSTOK AREA

Rep. Marion Wuelper
Rep. Dorothy V. Randlett
Rep. Marshall French
Rep. David O. Huot
Rep. Fritz T. Sabbow

COUNTY INSTITUTIONS

Rep. Esther R. Nighswander
Rep. Robert M. Lawton
Rep. James W. Murray
Rep. Carol J. Pierce
Rep. Peter C. Hildreth

COURT HOUSE

Rep. Frank A. Maguire
Rep. L. Keith Matheson
Rep. Norman C. Marsh
Rep. George Twigg, III
Rep. Fritz T. Sabbow

COUNTY EXTENSION

Rep. Fritz T. Sabbow

3. REVENUE SHARING

Rep. Nighswander inquired about the method of disposal of revenue sharing funds. The Chairman explained what he knew of the guidelines and indicated he would inquire further into the same.

4. TERMS OF BELKNAP COUNTY RECREATIONAL AREA COMMISSIONERS:

Rep. French spoke in favor of limiting the terms of Commissioners so that no commissioner should succeed himself more than once. Discussion.

Rep. Huot spoke in favor of changing the name of the Commission to "Gunstock Area Commission" because that's what everybody calls it anyway.

On motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Reps. French and Marsh, it was

VOTED: That the Clerk be instructed to prepare legislation limiting the terms of Belknap County Recreational Area Commissioners so that no commissioner could succeed himself more than once.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES:

On motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. French, it was

VOTED: That the Clerk be instructed to distribute copies of the minutes of each meeting of the convention and of the Executive Committee to each member of the convention and

that the cost of reproduction and distribution be a charge against the general fund of the country.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT:

Rep. Maguire announced there would be a meeting of the Laconia city delegation immediately after the adjournment of this meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Rep. Maguire, seconded by Rep. French, it was

VOTED: That the convention adjourn to meet again in accordance with RSA 24:9-c.

The convention adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 9:45 A.M.
January 22, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Reps. French, Nighswander, Huot, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Hood Maguire and Wuelper.

Absent were: Representative Matheson

Mrs. Marion H. Atwood, Chairman of the County Commission passed out copies of the county Income Statement for the year 1972 to each member of the Committee. Mrs. Atwood explained that certain items will be eliminated from the indicated surplus of \$116,243.35 before the books are closed so as to reflect the actual surplus. Mrs. Atwood discussed the balance due from the Crime Commission on the radio communications grant. She also said the proposed budget had not been finalized due to the illness of our bookkeeper, Mr. James Pringle.

After a discussion of general budget increases known to be forthcoming the Committee discussed the possible dates for the budget hearing and it was agreed that the date for the budget hearing should be tentatively set for Monday, February 19, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom.

The Committee met with Sheriff Donald C. Alden to go over his budget request for 1973. (NOTE: Copies of the overall county budget will be mailed out prior to January 31 by the County Commissioners as required by law.) In addition to his budget, Sheriff Alden presented a proposed budget for court security.

Mrs. Atwood presented the Committee with a letter from The Honorable William W. Keller, Chief Justice of the Superior Court which is herewith reprinted at length:

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPERIOR COURT

William W. Keller
Chief Justice

January 8, 1973

Chairman
Belknap County Delegation

Marion Atwood, Chairman
Belknap County Commissioners

This letter is written to bring to the attention of the Belknap County Commissioners and the County Delegation the pressing need for additional space for the Superior Court. First, however, I would like to thank the Commissioners and members of the delegation for the excellent work in which the courthouse has been maintained.

The need for additional facilities is due primarily to the very substantial increase in the case load in recent years. In order to keep up with the entries, we should have another courtroom so that two jury cases can be tried at the same time. This need not be as large as the present one which at least in my opinion, admittedly prejudiced, is the best one in the State. Although Judge Richard Tilton has been good enough to loan us the Probate Courtroom, when available, for the trial of non-jury cases, that courtroom cannot be used for the trial of jury cases. At the September 1972 term of court, jury trials had to be limited to criminal cases, to the exclusion of civil cases, admittedly the September term is short, but with two courtrooms, and two judges, we could have been trying criminal and civil cases by jury at the same time.

This problem is not unique to Belknap County. As you know, in fairly recent years, Hillsborough, Rockingham, and Grafton Counties have built new courthouses. Rockingham County is now considering even further expansion. There are four other counties that are now planning with reference to new courthouses or the expansion of existing facilities.

The need is not only for another courtroom, but also for supporting court facilities. I will not now undertake to outline the needed supporting facilities, but I am certain that some of you have, when court is in session, observed the hallways crowded with litigants, witnesses, lawyers, and others, and I would not be surprised if some of you have heard from jurors about being shuttled to the Probate Courtroom or the library in the basement, because of the jury room off the courtroom being occupied by a panel of jurors assigned to a particular case.

Judge John W. King is Chairman of the New Hampshire Court Accreditation Commission. Also, the Superior Court has designated him,

with such other judge or judges as he may call on to help in a particular county, to represent the Court in cooperating with countries. with reference to new or expanded court facilities. I am certain he will be glad to discuss the problem and possible solutions with you. If you wish more information, before proceeding, Bob Tilton, the Clerk of Court, is exceptionally well qualified to furnish it, and I will be glad to give any assistance I can at any time.

Very truly yours,

William W. Keller

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cc: Honorable John W. King
Robert P. Tilton, Clerk

Mrs. Atwood explained that the Commissioners had appointed a Space Study Committee consisting of Representatives George B. Roberts, Jr., Marshall Franch and David O. Huot in their respective capacities as officers of the County Convention; Mr. Robert P. Tilton, Esq., Clerk of Superior Court; Mr. Donald C. Alden, Sheriff and Mr. Reginald Bisson, Contractor and Engineer.

Mr. James Pringle the County's bookkeeper explained in detail the appropriations necessary for funding bonded debt and notes for 1973.

The Clerk read BSA 24:20 and BSA 24:22 relative to the requirements for acting upon the County budget. The last day for holding the public hearing for 1973 is February 20. Notice must be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least three days before the hearing.

A discussion of the audit status of the County followed as a result of which the Clerk was directed to request from the Tax Commission a report (which we paid for but never received) of the audit conducted in 1971 for the 1969-70 period.

A copy of the budget request of the Register of Deeds was presented to the Clerk. In brevity's sweet name it is omitted and will appear in the proposed budget which will be distributed.

The Committee agreed to meet again on Monday, January 29, 1973 at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse to work on the remaining budgets.

Accordingly, at 12:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 9:30 A.M.
January 29, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Nighswander, Huot, Wuelper, George B. Roberts, Jr., Maguire and Hood. Rep. Carol J. Pierce was also present.

Absent were: Representatives Charles B. Roberts and Matheson.

The Committee reviewed the budget of the Jail and House of Correction with Supt. Thomas Myatt. The committee then discussed the purchase of a generator for the County Home, Jail and House of Correction, including facilities for housing it and providing space for a workshop for building maintenance.

Rep. Carol J. Pierce discussed the Lakes Region Council on the Aging. She requested that the county support the council to the extent of \$1,000 in 1973 to help defray the cost of the "meals on wheels" program.

Mr. Perley Beach, Supt. of the County Home presented his budget for 1973.

The committee reviewed certain recommendations of the Commissioners for disposition of a portion of the federal revenue sharing funds received by the County.

It was decided to hold another meeting of the Committee on Monday, February 12, 1973 at 9:30 a.m. at the court house.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE CONVENTION
Representatives Hall, Concord — 1:10 P.M.
February 8, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. in Representatives Hall, Concord, New Hampshire, by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives George B. Roberts, Jr., Nighswander, Huot, Matheson, French, Lawton, Marsh, Wuelper, Charles B. Roberts, Twigg, Hood, Hildreth, Pierce, Randlett, Sabbow, Maquire and Murray; all members were present.

1. HB 163

The Chairman brought up HB 163, copies of which were distributed by the Clerk, and stated the Rep. Murray had requested Belknap County be included in the list of counties to be paid \$15.00 per diem and \$.12 per mile for meetings of the county convention.

On motion by Rep. Hildreth, seconded by Rep. Murray it was:

VOTED: That the Clerk be instructed to request that HB 163 be so far amended as to include the Belknap County Convention in its provisions.

Representatives Marsh, Twigg and Nighswander voting in the negative.

2. Adjournment

On motion by Rep. Hildreth, seconded by Rep. Huot it was:

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly, at 1:16 p.m. the convention adjourned to meet again on Monday, February 19 for public hearing on the county budget and such other matters as may come before the convention.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Court House, Laconia — 9:30 A.M.
February 12, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Representatives French, Charles B. Roberts, Huot, Nighswander, George B. Roberts, Jr., Hood, Maguire, Matheson and Wuelper. All members present.

Sheriff Donald C. Alden appeared to discuss the problem of having spent \$1,500 so far this year on the return of prisoners, on a proposed budget of \$1,000. He also discussed the possibility of a large amount being spent to protect the three material witnesses in the Taylor murder case if the Court so orders. After discussion it was decided to await further orders of the Court on the material witness situation.

On motion by Rep. Wuelper, seconded by Rep. Huot it was:

VOTED: To increase the contingency fund for return of prisoners to \$2,500.

On motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Nighswander, it was:

VOTED: That the County Commissioners be empowered to borrow not more than \$650,000 in anticipation of taxes under such conditions and terms and at such times as the Commissioners may deem appropriate.

Sheriff Alden returned and reported that the Court has recommended that the witnesses be housed at a motel and that their depositions be taken as soon as possible, which could reduce the amount required of the County for security and housing.

County Attorney David R. Decker addressed the committee and requested an increase in his salary due to increased work load and longer terms of court.

Mr. Everett D. Wheeler, Register of Deeds appeared and explained his budget and requested the salary of his Deputy be increased to \$6,300.00. He also discussed pending legislation and the practice of his retaining 10% of the fees collected.

Rep. Charles B. Roberts offered the following resolution which was seconded by Rep. Nighswander:

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Register of Deeds be and the same hereby is established at the rate of fourteen thousand, five hundred dollars per year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all revenue collected by the Register of Deeds from any source shall be paid by him to the Treasurer for the use of the County.

On a voice vote the resolution was adopted, to be transmitted to the County Convention on February 19, 1973.

On motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Wuelper it was:

VOTED: To increase the salary of the Deputy Register of Deeds to \$6,100 per year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
BUDGET HEARING
Court House, Laconia — 7:30 p.m.
February 19, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman. Notice of the meeting had been given pursuant to RSA 24:23 to the *Laconia Evening Citizen*, a newspaper published in the county, more than three days prior to the hearing. Said notice was published on Wednesday, February 14, 1973 and Thursday, February 15, 1973 and a summary of the budget provided by the Clerk appeared on Wednesday, February 14, 1973.

Present were: Representatives George B. Roberts, Jr., Marsh, Huot, Wuelper, Sabbow, Matheson, Hildreth, Pierce, French, Nighswander, Charles B. Roberts, Hood, Maguire, Twigg, Randlett, Murray and Lawton. All members were present.

The Chairman explained the ground rules for the public hearing. He also announced that a meeting will be held five minutes after the hearing. The Clerk explained some corrections made in the printed version of the budget presented to the public.

Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr. offered the following resolution and read the resolution in full:

A RESOLUTION PRAISING MRS. MARION H. ATWOOD FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AND MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR TO REAPPOINT HER TO THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY.

(Copies of the Resolution available on request)

Rep. Wuelper moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, and it was unanimously adopted. (Rep. Lawton was not present) (See discussion of this matter just prior to adjournment.) (Representatives Marsh, Twigg, Maguire, Murray and Hood desire to be recorded as abstaining.)

The Chairman of the County Commission, Mrs. Marion H. Atwood presented the county budget highlights.

Mr. Everett D. Wheeler, Register of Deeds answered questions concerning the budget for his office.

Mr. Kenneth D. Boehner, city manager, of Laconia addressed a question of Mr. Perley Beach, Superintendent of the Belknap County Home relative to the cost of patient care. Mr. Edwin I. Chertok of Laconia asked a question on institutional welfare.

Sheriff Donald C. Alden commented on his budget for 1973. He also explained the problem of protection of the material witnesses in the Taylor murder case and said protection was costing close to \$1,500 per week. Discussion followed. Rep. Maguire wished to be on record as stating that Sheriff Alden has acted most prudently with respect to this matter.

Mr. Robert Harrington, Chairman of the Belknap County Extension Service introduced Marianne Houston who explained the Extension Service request for 1973. Mr. Horace Ballard of the Extension Service spoke on pending legislation affecting the service.

Mayor Rodney N. Dyer, of Laconia, Chairman of the Laconia Airport Authority spoke on the budget of the Airport Authority and answered questions. Mr. Horace Ballard spoke in favor of the Airport Authority's request.

Mr. Howard Bacon, President of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center spoke in favor of his agency's request and answered questions.

Chief Clifton H. Hawkins of Holderness, Chief Coordinator of the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center spoke on his agency's request and answered questions.

Donna Decker, coordinator of the Lakes Region Council on the Aging presented a request for \$8,000 in county funds for "meals on wheels." Rep. Carol J. Pierce spoke in favor of the request.

County Attorney David R. Decker spoke on his need for an investigator and a salary increase to \$12,000 per year and an increase in expenses to \$3,000.00.

County Commissioner Henry T. Spear made a report on the progress of the construction at the House of Correction.

Mr. Richard E. Kelley, Executive Director of the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program made a presentation requesting \$37,060 for 1973. Mr. Donald Roborge, Assistant Director spoke in favor of the request and introduced Mrs. Daoust of Laconia, Mrs. Carol Messor, Mrs. Shirley Folsom, Mrs. Ann Goodine, Mrs. Helen Beaudet, Mrs. Marsha Sharon, Miss Bonnie Blais, and Miss Tina Blais, all of whom spoke in favor of the request. Mrs. Nancy Fields also spoke in favor of the request.

County Commissioner Atwood explained proposed expenditures from the revenue sharing fund as follows:

1. Truck, County Home	\$ 6,200.00
2. Car, Supt. Myatt, HOC	3,067.00
3. Copier-Court House	1,425.00
4. Zoned Heat-Court House	6,650.00

\$17,342.00

Rep. Hood brought up the subject of the possibility of using \$6,024 for the new washer for the County Home.

The public hearing adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rep. French moved that the sum of \$17,342.00 be appropriated from the revenue sharing fund as follows:

1. Truck, County Home	\$ 6,200.00
2. Car, Supt. Myatt, HOC	\$ 3,067.00
3. Copier, Courthouse	\$ 1,425.00
4. Zoned Heat, Courthouse	\$ 6,650.00

seconded by Rep. Wuelper. ADOPTED

Rep. Matheson, seconded by Rep. Wuelper, moved that the proposed revenue item of \$10,000 to the general fund from the Gunstock Area be left in the budget. ADOPTED.

Rep. Marsh moved that the salary of the County Attorney be established at the rate of \$12,000 per annum, effective January 1, 1973, seconded by Rep. Huot. Discussion.

Rep. French moved that Rep. Marsh's motion be amended to read \$10,000 instead of \$12,000.00, seconded by Rep. Twigg.

Amedment Adopted

Motion as amended Adopted.

Rep. Huot moved the adoption of the resolution of the Executive Committee of February 12, 1973, relative to the Register of Deeds and providing that the salary of the Register of Deeds be established at the rate of \$14,500.00 per annum effective January 1, 1973 and requiring the Register of Deeds to turn over all receipts to the Treasurer, seconded by Rep. French. Discussion.

Rep. Marsh moved that Rep. Huot's motion be amended to read \$14,000.00 instead of \$14,500.00, seconded by Rep. Twigg. Discussion.

Amendment lost.

Motion Adopted.

Rep. French moved that the Clerk's correction of the totals for institutional welfare be adopted, seconded by Rep. Wuelper. ADOPTED.

Rep. Maguire moved that the Sheriff's Budget of \$220,382.00 be adopted, seconded by Rep. Pierce. ADOPTED.

Rep. Wuelper moved that the budget for budget debt of \$49,798.00 be adopted, seconded by Rep. Charles B. Roberts. ADOPTED.

Rep. Wuelper moved that the budget of the Belknap County Extension Service of \$32,404.00 be adopted, seconded by Rep. Sabbow. ADOPTED.

Rep. Randlett moved that request of the Laconia Airport Authority of \$15,000.00, footnoted for capital expenditures only be adopted, seconded by Rep. Matheson.

Rep. Maguire moved that Rep. Randlett's motion be adopted with amendment requesting an accounting from the Authority, seconded by Rep. Marsh.

Amendment Adopted.

Motion as amended Adopted.

Rep. Matheson moved the adoption of the budget for Delegation Expense of \$1,700.00 seconded by Rep. Nighswander. ADOPTED.

Rep. French moved the adoption of the budget for capital outlay in the amount of \$3,500.00, seconded by Rep. Wuelper. ADOPTED.

Rep. Charles B. Roberts moved the adoption of the budget for Social Security, county share of \$20,007, seconded by Rep. Sabbow. ADOPTED.

Rep. Pierce moved the adoption of the budget for retirement of \$2,245.00, seconded by Rep. Wuelper. ADOPTED.

Rep. Wuelper, moved the adoption of the item for non-payroll refunds of \$4,000.00, seconded by Rep. Charles B. Roberts. ADOPTED.

Rep. Nighswander moved the adoption of the request of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center of \$25,275.00, seconded by Rep. Pierce. ADOPTED.

Rep. Wuelper moved the adoption of the item for Crime Commission Rent of \$800.00, seconded by Rep. Sabbow. ADOPTED.

Rep. Huot moved the adoption of the budget of the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center of \$66,974.00, seconded by Rep. Wuelper. ADOPTED.

Rep. Matheson moved the adoption of the request of the Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Program of \$5,000.00, seconded by Rep. Charles B. Roberts. Discussion.

Rep. Huot moved that Rep. Matheson's motion be laid on the table, seconded by Rep. Wuelper.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE ADOPTED.

Rep. Murray questioned the resolution relative to Marion Atwood. Discussion.

Rep. Twigg moved that the vote whereby the Resolution relative to Marion H. Atwood was adopted be reconsidered, seconded by Rep. Murray. Discussion.

Motion lost.

There being no further business to come before the convention, Rep. Huot moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Rep. Wuelper, ADOPTED.

Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
Court House, Laconia — 7:30 p.m.
March 5, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

All members were present.

The Chairman distributed federal guidelines on revenue sharing to all members of the Convention.

Rep. Twigg offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS: A recent decision by a New Hampshire Superior Court judge turned loose on the streets of our society a drug pusher who transported narcotics from California to New Hampshire for the purpose of making same available to the youth of out state: and

WHEREAS: Two out of three crimes committed have been established as being directly or indirectly related to illicit drug activities; and

WHEREAS: Judicial leniency has been generally recognized by responsible law enforcement officers as undermining police department morale, as well as public confidence; and

WHEREAS: The orderly progress of government, at all levels is dependent upon the availability of appropriate and adequate services to the general public within their collective financial ability to pay; and

WHEREAS: The Honorable Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr., has been publicly commended by the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon for supporting the President's efforts to eliminate unnecessary expenditures as well as unproductive programs; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Belknap County Convention hereby recognize the responsibility incumbent upon each elected representative to faithfully reflect the majority thinking on issues addressed in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Belknap County Convention apply their collective energy, talent and ability to:

- a. Develop effective measures calculated to stem the rampant flow of narcotics into our state;
- b. Take all necessary and prudent steps to reduce the incidence of crime against people and property;
- c. Confine public expenditures only to those areas of activity in which the people cannot be reasonably expected to provide for themselves;
- d. To support the Governor of New Hampshire in his efforts to secure justice for and protect the economic interests of, our seacoast neighbors in their dispute with Maine in the matter of establishing a fair and equitable boundary; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be delivered to His Excellency, Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Maguire. Discussion. A roll call was requested and the results were as follows:

AYES: (5) Reps. Marsh, Twigg, Hood, Maguire and Murray.

NOES: (9) Reps. Lawton, Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Charles B. Roberts, Huot, Hildreth, Pierce, and Sabbow.

ABSTENTIONS: (2) Reps. French and Randlett

The Resolution failed of passage.

Rep. Twigg moved that the resolution be amended by striking out the first Whereas clause. The motion was seconded by Rep. Maguire.

Motion Adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended, the Resolution again failed of passage.

Rep. Huot moved that the sum of \$12,000 be appropriated for the purposes of the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program for the calendar year 1973 provided the County of Merrimack appropriates an amount which bears a relationship of 63% to our 37% of the total request and that no part of said funds shall be expended before September 1, 1973. The motion was seconded by Rep. Hildreth.

Discussion.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Richard E. Kelley, Executive Director of the Community Action Program answered questions.

Rep. Marsh moved that the request be tabled. The motion failed for want of a second.

Rep. Marsh moved that further consideration of the request be postponed to the first Monday of May. The motion was seconded by Rep. Maguire.

Discussion.

On a division vote there were:

AYES: (5)

NOES: (11)

Accordingly, Rep. Marsh's motion failed of passage.

The question being on the adoption of the motion by Rep. Huot, the yeas and nays were requested with the following results:

AYES: (9) Reps. French, Matheson, Nighswander, Charles B. Roberts, Twigg, Huot, Hildreth, Pierce and Sabbow.

NOES: (7) Reps. Lawton, Marsh, Wuelper, Hood, Randlett, Maguire and Murray.

The motion was adopted.

Rep. Pierce moved that the sum of \$8,000 be appropriated to the Lakes Region Council on the Aging for the purposes of the meals on wheels program. The motion was seconded by Rep. Matheson.

Discussion.

Rep. Matheson, seconded by Rep. Huot, moved the previous question.

Adopted.

The question being on the motion by Rep. Pierce, a roll call was requested and the following were the results:

AYES: (9) Reps. Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Charles B. Roberts, Huot, Hildreth, Pierce, Randlett, and Sabbow.

NOES: (7) Reps. French, Lawton, Marsh, Twigg, Hood, Maguire and Murray.

Accordingly the motion was adopted.

Rep. Huot moved, seconded by Rep. Maguire, that the Executive Committee be designated to oversee the expenditure of separate operating agencies funded by the county and require reports, on a regular basis, substantiating payments and receipts and of the types and numbers of programs offered.

Adopted.

Rep. Nighswander, seconded by Rep. Wuelper moved that the item of \$5,000 for the Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Program at the House of Correction be removed from the table.

Adopted.

Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Nighswander, moved that the item of \$5,000 recommended by the Executive Committee for the Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Program at the House of Correction be adopted.

Adopted.

Rep. Huot offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Rep. Wuelper:

RESOLVED: That the budget for the County of Belknap for the period beginning January 1, 1973 and ending December 31, 1973 as set forth in the budget prepared by the Clerk, Pages one through five, as amended by action of this meeting be adopted; the appropriation totals being:

1. General Government	\$ 33,389.00
2. Bookkeeping Office	\$ 19,050.00
3. Expense, Courthouse	\$ 26,778.00
4. Superior Court	\$ 131,150.00
5. General Welfare	\$ 133,300.00
6. Registry of Deeds	\$ 44,704.00
7. County Home and Hospital	\$ 265,125.00
8. County Jail and House of Correction	\$ 114,424.00
9. Sheriff's Department	\$ 220,382.00
10. Budgeted Debit	\$ 49,798.00
11. Extension Service	\$ 32,404.00
12. Airport Authority	\$ 15,000.00 (a)
13. Delegation Expense	\$ 1,700.00
14. Capital Outlay	\$ 3,500.00
15. Social Security, Blue Cross/Shield	\$ 20,007.00
16. Retirement System, County Share	\$ 2,245.00
17. Non-payroll items (offset)	\$ 4,000.00

18. Lakes Region Mental Health Center	\$	25,275.00
19. Crime Commission Rent	\$	800.00
20. Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	\$	66,974.00
21. Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Prog.	\$	5,000.00
22. Belknap-Merrimack Comm. Action Program	\$	12,000.00 (b)
23. Lakes Region Council on the Aging	\$	8,000.00
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	\$	1,235,005.00

- (a) This appropriation shall be expended for capital improvements only.
- (b) This appropriation is contingent upon Merrimack County funding the Community Action Program to the extent of 63% of the amount of its request which is to be expended in 2973; and no part of this appropriation shall be expended prior to September 1, 1973.

So that the total appropriations for 1973 shall be \$1,238,005.00 and anticipated revenue to offset the same shall be \$347,513.00 leaving a balance to be raised by taxation of \$890,492.00.

Resolution was adopted.

Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Matheson offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: by the Belknap County Convention, at Laconia, New Hampshire, this fifth day of March, 1973, that pursuant to the provisions of RSA 23:7 (Supp) the salaries of the following officers be established at the following annual rates for the biennium beginning January 1, 1973 and ending December 31, 1974, subject to any changes therein the Convention may hereafter be pleased to make.

1. County Attorney	\$10,000.00
2. Sheriff	12,000.00
3. Chief Deputy Sheriff	9,800.00
4. Register of Deeds	14,500.00
5. Treasurer	500.00
6. Chairman, County Commission	3,500.00
7. County Commissioners (2)	3,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Commissioners be empowered to receive all federal funds in the name of the County of Belknap and to dispose of the same as provided by law, for the period beginning January 1, 1973 and ending December 31, 1974.

Resolution adopted.

There being no further business to come before the convention, Rep. Matheson, seconded by Rep. Wuelper, moved that the convention adjourn.

Adopted.

Accordingly the convention adjourned at 10:55 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 9:30 A.M.
July 27, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Reps. French, Nighswander, Huot, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Wuelper, Matheson and Bowler. Also present were the County Commissioners.

The status of the 1973 budget and the treasury was reviewed at length by the committee.

The committee was informed that the balance in the Revenue Sharing fund as of July 27, 1973 was \$130,719.22.

It was decided to call a meeting of the Convention for August 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Court House for the purpose of considering purchase of equipment at the County Home; an easement for the City of Laconia, the purchase of land on Wakeman Court and a request by Sheriff Alden for secretarial help.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded it was:

VOTED: To adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
Court House, Laconia — 7:35 P.M.
August 16, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chairman:

Present were: Reps. French, Hildreth, Nighswander, Randlett, Roberts, Charles B., Bowler, Matheson, Wuelper, Huot, Roberts, George B., Maguire, Murray, Marsh and Pierce.

The Honorable Rodney N. Dyer, Mayor of the City of Laconia, explained the need for approximately ten feet of the county's land along Court and Wakeman Court and displayed a plan of the area as prepared by Jack Wilkins, City Engineer, who also appeared and explained the proposed improvements of Court Street and of the Court Street, Main Street intersection.

Representative Huot moved, seconded by Representative Charles B. Roberts, that the County Commissioners be authorized and directed to enter into a formal Agreement with the City of Laconia for the conveyance of a strip of land along the side of Court Street and Wakeman Court to the City of Laconia, said Agreement to provide in substance that the consideration for the conveyance is such that the City of Laconia would agree to move the existing flag pole and tree and to replace the stone work and do all paving and landscaping in connection with the project and would also pave a portion of Wakeman Court presently in a state of disrepair; and that upon the execution of such an Agreement the Commissioners shall make such conveyance to the city, all costs of which shall be born by the City of Laconia.

ADOPTED: Unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by the Chairman for the purpose of hearing requests by the County Commissioners for the expenditure of revenue sharing funds and the comments of the public thereon in accordance with the notice published in the *Laconia Evening Citizen*, August 10, 1973, under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Mrs. Marion Atwood, Chairman of the County Commissioners reported that upon examination of the guidelines for federal assistance to nursing homes, it was not necessary to install a generator at the County Home as previously requested. On behalf of the County Home she requested \$8,400.00 for a washer and dryer and \$5,300.00 for a 1973 Model three quarter ton, four wheel drive pick-up with frame and snowplow.

Mr. Calvin F. Dunn, a member of the public, commented on the proposed expenditures.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

Representative Charles B. Roberts moved, seconded by Representative Bowler, that the Commissioners be authorized to withdraw the sum of \$13,700.00 from the revenue sharing funds established in accordance with the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing a commercial washer and dryer and 1973 three quarter ton pick-up truck with four wheel drive and plow for the County Home according to specifications provided by the Commissioners.

ADOPTED: Unanimously.

Sheriff Donald C. Alden requested \$2,260.00 for additional secretarial assistance in his office needed in part as a result of Legislation passes of 1973 sessions of the General Court.

Representative Huot moved, seconded by Representative Wuelper that the sum of \$2,300.00 being the same hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated surplus anticipated for 1973, to the general expense account of the Sheriff for the purpose of salary and benefits of one new secretary - clerk for the balance of calendar year of 1973.

ADOPTED:

The Chairman reported that the audit conducted by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the New Hampshire Tax Commission for the calendar year 1969 had finally been received.

Chairman Atwood of the Commissioners reported that as of July, 1973, there was a balance of \$128,428.22 in the revenue sharing fund.

Representative Huot moved, seconded by Representative Marsh, that the Commissioners be authorized to negotiate with the owners of property abutting the Court House and, subject to final approval of the convention, to make offers for the purchase of the same, and to professional appraisals made of the same.

ADOPTED:

Representative Huot moved, seconded by Representative French that the building committee appointed by the Commissioners be authorized to employ consultants on order of the Commissioners for the purpose of determining additional space requirements of the county. Funds for this purpose not to exceed \$5,000.00 shall be a charge of the revenue sharing fund established in accordance with the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

ADOPTED:

Representative Pierce presented a report of the Counsel on the Aging of the funds approved for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Representative Huot reported on a meeting with Messrs. Boehner, Cheney & Wuelper on ambulance service and recommended the convention take no action on their request.

Discussion:

Representative French moved, seconded by Representative Marsh that the issue of ambulance service be laid on the table.

ADOPTED:

A discussion of the proposed Special Session of the General Court followed:

There being no further business to come before the Convention, Representative Huot moved, seconded by Representative Hildreth that the Convention adjourn.

ADOPTED:

Accordingly the Convention adjourned at 10:08 P.M. to meet at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
Court House, Laconia — 7:33 P.M.
October 18, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Reps. George B. Roberts, Jr., Huot, Wuelper, Hildreth, Hood, Randlett, Sabbow, Murray, Twigg, Lawton, Nighswander, Matheson, Bowler, Charles B. Roberts, Maguire, Marsh and French.

Mr. Michael Nolin, Executive Director of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce was introduced by the Chairman. Mr. Nolin announced the annual fall meeting of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Margate Resort on October 31, 1973 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and the speaker will be United States Senator William Brock of Tennessee.

Rep. Wuelper noted that the minutes of the meeting of May 8, were incorrect with respect to the issue of the sale of beer and wine at Gunstock Area. The minutes reflect that a roll call vote was taken on a motion by Rep. Twigg, to lay the matter on the table and that the motion prevailed. In fact, the motion by Rep. Twigg failed, and the roll call noted on page one of the minutes of May 8, 1973 is the roll call on the motion by Rep. French that the convention go on record as being in favor of the sale of beer and wine at Gunstock. The minutes of the meeting of May 8, 1973 are amended accordingly.

Rep. Huot moved, seconded by Rep. Wuelper that the County Commissioners, having been authorized by vote of the Convention, February 12, 1973 to borrow not more than \$650,000.00 in anticipation of taxes, be, and they hereby are authorized to borrow additional amounts not to exceed \$240,000.00 under such conditions and terms, and at such times as the Commissioners may deem appropriate.

Adopted.

Rep. Wuelper moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth that in accordance with the request of the Gunstock Area Commission, the County Commissioners be, and they hereby are authorized to execute licenses in favor of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for poles and underground lines at the Gunstock Area, and the Clerk will execute the same in the space provided in witness of this resolution.

Adopted.

Rep. Hildreth, seconded by Rep. Huot moved that the County Commissioners be, and they hereby are authorized to advance funds to Donald C. Alden, Sheriff, for travel and expenses to be reimbursed by grand for said purposes. Any expenditure made hereunder shall be a charge against the general appropriation for the Sheriff's Department.

Adopted.

Mrs. Marion H. Atwood, Chairman of the Belknap County Commissioners reported for the Courthouse Building Committee. Copies of the report were distributed and a copy is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Rep. Twigg moved, seconded by Rep. Huot that the Commissioners be authorized to spend the sum of \$2,400.00 with respect to a conveyor purchased for the surplus foods program.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Sabbow, the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS: His Excellency Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr. has vetoed the state's capital budget; and

WHEREAS: Said budget contained substantial funds for the Winnepesaukee River Basin water pollution project; and

WHEREAS: Said project is essential to the orderly growth and prosperity of the County of Belknap; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Belknap County Convention hereby Respectfully requests that His Excellency convene a special session of the General Court in order that the funding of this essential project may receive proper consideration and funding, regardless of what other issues may be considered to be appropriate subjects for such special session; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Excellency Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

Discussion.

On a roll call vote the following were the results:

AYES: (11) Reps. Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Bowler, Roberts, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Huot, Hildreth, Randlett, Sabbow and Murray.

NOES: (4) Reps. Lawton, Twigg, Hood and Maguire.

Adopted.

Rep. French, who arrived late, wishes to be recorded as being in favor of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Nighswander brought up the suggestion by Mr. Myatt that the County take over the Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Project. Mrs. Frost of the Lakes Region Mental Health Association expressed support for the present program. The Chairman referred the matter to the Committee on County Institutions.

The Chairman requested the candidates for appointment to the vacancy to the Gunstock Area Commission to proceed to the Jury Room to wait for interviews. He left the question of plurality or majority vote to the convention.

Eleven candidates were interviewed for the position of Gunstock Area Commission. They were: Charles W. Beard, of Laconia; Thomas R. Drouin of Laconia; Michael S. Emanuel of Laconia; Roy R. Kincade of Alton; Charles W.H. Lowth, Jr., of Meredith; Earl W. Martell of Laconia; Richard L. Perley of Laconia; Paul W. Rich of Laconia; Calvin W. Rolfe of Laconia; Walter C. Smith of Laconia, and Charles D. Stafford of Laconia.

There was a discussion of the Community Action Program and the status of the Meals-on-Wheels program. Commissioner Atwood told of the Commissioners sending a letter to local officials stating the County is not funding the tour in progress by the CAP.

Rep. Twigg moved, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, that the top four candidates be selected by ballot for Gunstock Area Commissioner and that a vote be taken on the four with the person having the plurality being elected.

Adopted.

There followed assorted campaign speeches for assorted candidates.

A vote was taken by secret ballot with the following results:

Charles W. Lowth, Jr.	10
Roy R. Kincade	3
Walter C. Smith	2
Michael S. Emanuel	1
Richard L. Perley	1
The other candidates received no votes.	

A runoff ballot was taken secretly with the following results:

Charles W.H. Lowth, Jr.	13
Roy R. Kincade	2
Walter C. Smith	2

Accordingly, Mr. Lowth was declared elected.

Rep. Twigg moved, Seconded by Rep. Marsh that the vote be declared to be unanimous.

Unanimously adopted.

The Chairman brought up the incarceration of a woman in the House of Correction without supervision of a night matron. There are three women so incarcerated and there was criticism of this practice. The matter was referred to the Committee on County Institutions.

Rep. Murray commented on the ambulance service problem.



DEDICATION

This Report is dedicated to Dr. Jeremy (Jeremiah) Belknap whose name was given to our County when it was set off from Rockingham County in 1840.

A plaque on the turnpike near Dover has this Inscription:

"Dr. Jeremy Belknap

-1744 - 1798-

Noted preacher, educator, naturalist and historian. Born, Boston, Mass. Harvard College graduate, 1762. Teacher at Portsmouth and Greenland. Pastor of Congregational Church at Dover, 1766 - 1786. Published first history of New Hampshire. Founded Massachusetts Historical Society, 1794."

The picture on the opposite page is taken from an oil painting in the New Hampshire State House. From this picture a painting was made by Lorraine Vangjel, Laconia, N.H., to hang in the Belknap County Court House.

A discussion of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project followed.

Rep. Huot moved, seconded by Rep. Matheson, that the meeting adjourn.

Adopted. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 2:11 P.M.
November 23, 1973**

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were: Reps. French, Nighswander, Huot, Wuelper, George B. Roberts, Jr., Charles B. Roberts, Matheson. Also present were the County Commissioners.

The Committee discussed and reviewed the status of the budget and the condition of the treasury as of October 31, 1973.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED: To adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
COMMISSIONERS'S BUILDING COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 1:00 P.M.
December 19, 1973**

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.

Present were: Mrs. Atwood and Messrs. French, Roberts, Alden, Tilton, Spear and Huot.

Absent were: Mr. Ruel

Four architectural firms were interviewed for the purpose of obtaining a space survey for courthouse needs.

On motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED: That the Dudley firm and Douglass G. Prescott each be engaged to perform a space study at a cost of not more than \$750.00 each to report to the committee no later than January 7, 1974.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
GENERAL FUND - BALANCE SHEET
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
December 31, 1973

Assets

Cash on Deposit	\$86,363.97
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$86,363.97

Liabilities

Amounts owed by County:	\$ — 0 —
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ — 0 —
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities 12-31-73	\$86,363.97

**COUNTY OF BELKNAP
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 1973**

BELKNAP COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Total Issue: \$280,000.00
(No. 1 to 280 for \$1,000.00 each)
Interest Rate: 3.20 percent
Date of Issue: November 1, 1964

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

November 1, 1965 to 1980 - \$15,000.00	
November 1, 1981 to 1984 - \$10,000.00	
Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1-1-73	\$160,000.00
Amount Paid on bonds 1973	15,000.00

Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1-1-74	\$145,000.00

Principal and Interest Payments to be made
to the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

**COUNTY OF BELKNAP
STATEMENT OF NOTE DEBT
December 31, 1973**

**BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION
BUILDING FUND**

Total Issue: \$234,950.00
Notes No. 1 For \$9,950.00
Notes No. 2 - No. 10 For \$25,000.00 each
Interest Rate 3.80 percent
Date of Issue: September 1, 1972
Principal Payments as Follows:

September 1, 1973	\$ 9,950.00
September 1, 1974 to 1982	25,000.00

Balance of Principal Due on Notes 1/1/73	\$234,950.00
Amount Paid on Notes - 1973	9,950.00

Balance of Principal Due on Notes 1/1/74	\$225,000.00

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:

Land and Buildings:

(a) Court House and Annex	\$268,834.00
(b) Jail and House of Correction	171,518.00
(c) County Farm (Land Value Only)	10,000.00
(d) County Infirmary and Other Buildings	591,600.00

Furniture and Equipment:

(a) Court House	25,290.00
(b) Jail and House of Correction	5,000.00
(c) County Infirmary	37,315.00
(d) Kitchen Equipment	13,000.00
(e) Sheriff's Department Equipment	3,404.00

Total Valuation	\$1,126,637.00
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REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

RECEIVED THROUGH 12/31/73	\$166,613.00
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EXPENDITURES - 1973

Truck - County Home	6,398.00
Car-Supt. Jail & H. of C.	3,070.00
Copier Machine	1,374.00
Pick-up Trucks - County Home	5,325.00
E.A. Brazil-Appraisal Fee	300.00
Citizen Publishing Co.-Advertising	137.00
Heating System Improvements - Court House	6,650.00
Washer & Dryer - County Home	8,000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$31,254.00
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BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31, 1973	\$135,359.00
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**BELKNAP COUNTY
PROPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY TAX — 1973**

\$900,787.00

	Proportion of Tax	Amount of Tax
Alton	10.671%	\$ 96,122.98
Barnstead	5.731	51,624.10
Belmont	5.095	45,895.10
Center Harbor	3.668	33,040.87
Gilford	14.946	134,631.63
Gilmanton	4.668	42,048.74
Laconia	27.773	250,175.57
Meredith	15.426	138,955.40
New Hampton	2.998	27,005.59
Sanbornton	3.694	33,275.07
Tilton	5.330	48,011.95
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	100.000%	\$900,787.00

BELKNAP COUNTY GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS

December 31, 1973

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Taxes — City and Towns	\$ 900,787.00	\$ 893,998.00
Belknap County Home & Jail	457,811.00	386,600.00
Other	303,328.00	341,007.00
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Total — All Receipts	\$1,688,926.00	\$1,621,605.00
 Expenditures		
Total Expense — General Government	\$ 35,939.00	\$33,389.00
Total Expense — Bookkeeping	18,286.00	19,050.00
Total Expense — Court House	23,409.00	26,778.00
Total Expense — Superior Court	128,957.00	131,150.00
Total Expense — General Welfare	105,094.00	133,300.00
Total Expense — Register of Deeds	46,439.00	44,704.00
Total Expense — Institutional Welfare		
County Home	625,407.00	648,725.00
Jail and House of Correction	115,348.00	117,424.00
Total Expense — Sheriff's Department	225,898.00	220,382.00
Total Expense — Budgeted Debt	54,182.00	49,798.00
Total Expense — Miscellaneous Budgets	190,253.00	196,905.00
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Total — All Expenditures	\$1,569,212.00	\$1,621,605.00
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Belknap County**43**

Cash on Hand December 31, 1973	\$ 86,364.00	— 0 —
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Net Income

County Home Dec. 31, 1973	29,447.00
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Jail & H. of C. Dec. 31, 1973	3,903.00
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\$ 119,714.00

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**RECEIPTS****1973****COUNTY TAXES**

Total County Taxes	\$ 900,787.00
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Belknap County Home and Hospital	457,811.00
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REIMBURSEMENT, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire	32,092.00
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Register of Deeds — Fees	60,639.00
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Sheriff — Fees	11,858.00
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Clerk of Court — Fees	14,111.00
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Sheriff for Gilmanton	15,000.00
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Mutual Fire Aid	12,607.00
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Radio Communications	48,591.00
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All Other Receipts	19,187.00
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1972	116,243.00
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Total Revenue	\$1,688,926.00
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PAYMENTS
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS**

Commissioners:	\$ 9,500.00
Treasurer:	500.00
Auditors:	400.00
Attorney:	10,000.00
Medical Referees:	1,778.00
Autopsies:	1,430.00
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Total Salaries	\$23,608.00

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

County Attorney — Office Expense	\$3,000.00
Travel — Commissioners	660.00
Meredith News — Printing of Annual Report	1,020.00
All Other	473.00
Bond — Treasurer	729.00
New England Telephone — Service	387.00
New Hampshire Association of Counties — Dues	300.00
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Total Expenses — County Officers	\$6,569.00

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Printing	\$ 639.00
Supplies	2,050.00
Telephone	392.00
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Total Expense — Register of Probate	3,081.00
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Total Expenses — General Government	\$35,939.00

OFFICE EXPENSES

Accounting Service	\$ 6,271.00
Supplies	1,615.00
Salaries — Administrative Ass't.	10,400.00

Total Expense — Office	\$18,286.00
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COURT HOUSE EXPENSES

Workmen's Compensation and Fire	\$ 4,273.00
Fuel Oil	2,609.00
Waste Removal and Snow Plowing	1,318.00
Supplies and Repairs	3,777.00
Wages — Custodians	9,012.00
Electricity	2,420.00

Total Expense — Court House	\$23,409.00
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SUPERIOR COURT EXPENSES**Books and Printing**

Books and Printing	\$ 2,161.00
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JURY PAYROLLS

Petit Jury and Grand Jury	\$39,706.00
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JURY MEALS

Total	\$ 1,423.00
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STATE VS. '----' PAYROLLS

County Attorney — Expenses	\$ 4,480.00
Miscellaneous — Witness Fees	9,761.00

Total	\$14,241.00
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REFEREES AND MASTERS

Total	\$ 5,198.00
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STENOGRAPHERS' FEES

State of New Hampshire	\$14,738.00
All Other	6,489.00

Total	\$21,227.00
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CLERK OF COURT

Telephone	\$ 1,197.00
Supplies, Etc.	5,096.00
Clerk's Account for Office	28,799.00

Total	\$35,092.00
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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Court Attendance	\$ 7,957.00
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EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS

Total	\$ 1,936.00
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Janitor Service	\$ 15.00
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Total Expense — Superior Court	\$128,957.00
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GENERAL WELFARE

	Regular Relief	Soldiers' Aid
Alton		
Barnstead	\$ 300.00	

Belmont		
Center Harbor		
Gilford		
Gilmanton		
Laconia	7,323.00	\$2,202.00
Meredith	305.00	
New Hampton		
Sanbornton		
Tilton	74.00	225.00

Total	\$8,002.00	\$2,427.00
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\$10,429.00

SURPLUS COMMODITIES

State Treasurer — County Payments	4,211.00
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer — County Payments	63,686.00
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CARE OF CHILDREN

State Treasurer — County Payments	12,571.00
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RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Surplus Food Delivery	3,348.00
Salaries, Adm. of Public Welfare Asst.	10,177.00
Supplies	672.00

Total	\$ 14,197.00
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Total Expense — General Welfare	\$105,094.00
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

Salaries—Register of Deeds & Deputies	\$30,177.00
Printing, Binding & Supplies	8,656.00

Total	\$38,833.00
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XEROX RENTAL

Rental and Minimum rate copy fee	\$ 1,896.00
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MICROFILMING

Xerox Corporation—Microfilming	\$ 710.00
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EQUIPMENT

Records Storage & Retrieval—Records Storage	\$ 5,000.00
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Total Expense—Register of Deeds	\$46,439.00
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INSTITUTIONAL WELFARE

Belknap County Home & Hospital	\$625,407.00
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Jail and House of Correction	115,348.00
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Total Expenses—Institutional Welfare	\$740,755.00
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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries—Sheriff & Deputies	\$ 95,689.00
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Gas and Oil	5,030.00
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Cruiser Insurance	1,678.00
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Insurance, Riot	360.00
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Bonds	345.00
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Dues	898.00
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Telephone	3,165.00
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Register of Deeds—Fees paid to Register of Deeds	1,096.00
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Supplies and Repairs	15,265.00
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New Cruisers	9,004.00
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Total	\$132,530.00
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DISPATCH

Salaries and Wages	\$ 26,950.00
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CONTINGENCY—SUBJECT TO COURT APPROVAL

Travel expense to return prisoners	\$ 3,675.00
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RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Equipment	\$ 62,744.00
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Total—Sheriff's Department	\$225,898.00
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BUDGETED DEBIT

Interest—Temporary Loan	\$ 14,384.00
Interest—Term Notes	9,738.00
Interest—Bond Issue	5,120.00
Principal—Term Notes	9,950.00
Principal—Bond Issue	15,000

Total—Budgeted Debt	\$ 54,182.00
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MISCELLANEOUS BUDGETS

Extension Service	\$ 32,404.00
Airport Authority	15,000.00
Delegation Expense	
Mileage and Attendance	2,046.00
Capital Outlay Equip.—County Home	6,970.00
Social Security and Blue Cross	
County Share	17,650.00
Retirement System	
County Share	2,479.00
Non-Payroll Items (County Reimbursed)	
Blue Cross	2,670.00
Social Security	1,874.00
Retirement System	536.00

Total	\$ 5,080.00
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Miscellaneous

Lakes Region Mental Health Clinic	\$ 27,275.00
Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Program	5,000.00
Lakes Region Council on Aging	8,000.00

Annual Report

Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	70,350.00
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Total	\$190,253.00
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Total Expenditures	\$1,569,212.00
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1973	\$ 86,364.00
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Net Income County Home	\$ 29,447.00
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Net Income Jail — H.F.C.	\$ 3,903.00
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	\$119,714.00
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TREASURERS REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners for Belknap County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Belknap for the twelve months ended December 31, 1973.

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1973	\$116,243.00
Taxes from Towns and City	900,787.00
Reimbursements:	
Old Age Assistance	\$32,092.00
Direct Relief	94.00
Care of Children	125.00
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	\$ 32,311.00
Receipts other than Current Income:	
Temporary Loan	\$750,000.00
Belknap County Home and Hospital	\$457,811.00
All Other Receipts:	
Office Rent	1,080.00
Non-Payroll Refunds	5,088.00
Miscellaneous	4,386.00
Register of Deeds	60,639.00
Grant—Law Enforcement	371.00
Sheriff's Department—Fees	11,858.00
N.H. Distributing Agency	3,368.00
Grant—Legal Conference	3,081.00
Fees—Clerk of Court	14,111.00
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch—	
Towns Outside County	11,100.00
Town of Gilmanton—	
Sheriff's Department	15,000.00
Grant—Cadets, Sheriff's	
Department	1,595.00
Grant—Radio	
Communications	48,591.00
Grant—Lakes Region	
Fire Dispatch-Trainee	1,507.00
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	\$181,775.00
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Total Receipts	\$2,322,684.00
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Total Cash Available	\$2,438,927.00

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	\$1,419,424.00
Paid on Temporary Loan	750,000.00
Paid on Bond Issue	15,000.00
Paid on Term Notes	9,950.00
Payments—Interest	
Temporary Loans	\$14,384.00
Bond Issue	5,120.00
Term Notes	9,728.00
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	\$ 29,232.00
Paid by order of the Court:	
Books and Printing	\$ 2,161.00
Jury Payrolls	39,706.00
Jury Meals	1,423.00
State vs. "- Payrolls"	14,241.00
Referees and Masters	5,198.00
Stenographers' Fees	21,277.00
Clerk of Court	35,092.00
Court Attendance—	
Sheriff's Deputies	7,957.00
Equipment	1,936.00
Janitor Service	15.00
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	\$ 128,957.00
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Total Payments	\$2,352,563.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1973	86,364.00
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Grand Total	\$2,438,927.00

Respectfully submitted,

H.Max Wakeman, Jr., Treasurer

GUNSTOCK AREA REPORT

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF GUNSTOCK AREA

SEPTEMBER 30, 1973

1962 Double Chair	\$ 90,000.00
1964 Double Chair	165,000.00
New base lodge, etc.	50,750.00
Snowmaking & Pistol Lift	240,000.00
Restaurant and garage	75,000.00
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	\$620,750.00

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1973

Balance on Hand—January 1, 1973	\$116,243.00
Receipts—Year ended December 31, 1973	\$1,972,637.00
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	\$2,088,880.00
Payments—Year ended December 31, 1973	2,002,516.00
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Balance—December 31, 1973 as per Cash Book	\$ 86,364.00
Balance in Laconia Peoples National Bank and Trust Company as per Statement of December 31, 1973	\$101,101.00
Less: Outstanding Checks, Etc.	14,737.00
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Reconciled Bank Balance— As of December 31, 1973	\$ 86,364.00

COUNTY HOME SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution	
Year ended December 31, 1973	\$785,791.00

Total Remittances to County Treasurer	
Year ended December 31, 1973	785,791.00

Superintendent's Balance on Hand—	
January 1, 1972	\$200.00

Superintendent's Balance on Hand—	
December 31, 1973	\$200.00

INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 1973

Outstanding Long Term Notes	\$225,000.00
Outstanding Bonds	145,000.00

Gregory Dickinson
Robert Hawkins
County Auditors
January 1974

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

Superintendent's Report

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit a report of activities at the Belknap County Home for the year ending December 31, 1973.

During 1973 the Nursing Home was operated at full capacity. We are still using the two solariums in order to care for as many admissions as possible. We now have a waiting list of over thirty.

During 1973 we have had to change over our office procedures to incorporate the new standards of billing instigated by the State of New Hampshire Health, Education, and Welfare Department under Title 19.

Within the next six months we will also be making major changes throughout the Nursing Department with new standards under Medicaid.

In July 1973 we hired a new Director of Nurses, Mrs. Dorothea Badger, R.N.

Again I would like to thank the County Commissioners for their understanding help and cooperation throughout the year. I would also like to thank all the employees for their loyal work and cooperation. Many organizations help make things more pleasant at the home, and we appreciate the RSVP members who come two mornings a week to help in the Occupational Therapy Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Perley A. Beach, Supt.

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS

(Prepared under the generally accepted method
of accounting on the accrual basis)

December 31, 1973

		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
		Actual	Budget
120	Total Patient Revenue	\$461,183.00	\$396,000.00
140	Total Other Revenue	25,801.00	20,600.00
144	Less: OAA—Medical Pool—County Share	(29,175.00)	(30,000.00)
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	Total Net Income	\$457,811.00	\$386,600.00
188	Total Administrative Costs	\$ 85,640.00	\$ 87,419.00
212	Total Dietary Costs	121,803.00	136,187.00
238	Total Housekeeping Costs	39,222.00	35,919.00
258	Total Laundry Costs	46,411.00	45,729.00
278	Total Plant Costs	30,528.00	24,300.00
298	Total Building Maintenance Costs	9,507.00	9,100.00
328	Total Nursing Care Costs	249,985.00	266,425.00
333	Total Occupational Therapy Costs	9,045.00	9,319.00
348	Total Medical Service Costs	6,574.00	7,700.00
440	Total Maintenance of Grounds Costs	9,093.00	10,382.00
368	Total Other Costs	17,599.00	16,245.00

Belknap County

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414	Total Jail and House of Correction Costs	115,348.00	117,424.00
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	Total—All Costs	\$740,755.00	\$766,149.00
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	Loss—Combined	\$282,944.00	\$379,549.00
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County Budget Funds

554	Hospital Budget	201,871.00	\$265,125.00
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556	Jail and House of Correction Budget	114,424.00	114,424.00
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	Total County Budget Funds	\$316,295.00	\$379,549.00
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	Net Income	\$33,351.00	— 0 —
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COUNTY OF BELKNAP

COUNTY HOME AND HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

Accrual System

December 31, 1973

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$37,771.00
Superintendent—Petty Cash	200.00
Patient Receivables	40,591.00
Dietary Inventory	3,128.00
General Store Inventory	1,902.00
Pharmacy Inventory	3,443.00

TOTAL ASSETS	\$87,035.00
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$18,710.00
Withheld FICA Taxes	7,308.00
Withheld Income Taxes	1,297.00
Withheld Blue Cross	273.00
Withheld Other	
Accrued Taxes FICA	7,308.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$34,896.00
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Operating Capital	\$18,788.00
Net Profit or (Loss)	33,351.00

TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$52,139.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	\$87,035.00
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities 12-31-73	\$52,139.00
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**STATISTICS OF BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
1973**

Patients in Home January 1, 1973	83
Admitted during year	25
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	108
Patients at Home December 31, 1973	86
Died during year	20
Discharged during year	2
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	108

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1973

Patients days	30,528
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PATIENTS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME DURING 1973

Old Age Assistance	85
Old Age Assistance—Alien	5
Aid to the Partially and Totally Disabled	8
Private	4
County	1
Aid to Needy Blind	5
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	108

BELKNAP HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

The following report of the activities at the Belknap County House of Correction is submitted.

The number of prisoners held this year was 997, a decrease from 1229 the previous year. However, due to prisoners being held for longer periods of time, the average daily count increased from 23 each day in 1972, to 27 each day in 1973. This is an increase of 16 percent.

Operation of the institution improved due to the use of the new House of Corrections dormitory, storage and office space. The old dormitory renovation was completed for use as a dining facility. The fast turn over in guard staff creates operational problems due to the percentage of inexperienced guards on a small staff.

The federal funding of prisoners rehabilitation program ended in December of 1973. Funding for this program will be considered at the 1974 budget hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas N. Myatt, Supt.

**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Prisoners in Jail, January 1, 1974	12
Admitted during the year	997

1009

Prisoners in Jail December 31, 1973	11
Discharged during the year	986

997

Prisoners in H.O.C. January 1, 1974	13
Admitted during the year	79

92

Prisoners in H.O.C. December 31, 1973	13
Discharged during the year	79

92

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1973

	Weeks	Days
Prisoners in Jail	473	4
Prisoners in House of Correction	908	4

CLERK OF COURTS REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit by report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the period of January 1, 1973, through December 31, 1973.

CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY

1. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	\$25,311.72
2. Due County for fines — costs	1,196.44
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Total Charges	\$26,508.16

CREDITS TO COUNTY

1. Fines and costs	\$10,681.44
2. Sale of Rules of Court	10.00
3. Miscellaneous credits to County	148.74
(a) Reimbursement of Rubber stamps	39.60
(b) Reimbursement for Printing costs	1,042.38
(c) Reimbursement for Witness fee	5.00
(d) Registration fee for professional Bondsman	100.00
4. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	14,481.00
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Total Credits	\$26,508.16

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Tilton, Clerk

SHERIFF'S REPORT

As Commissioner Sheriff of Belknap County, I submit my report for the year 1973. The following activities were investigated by the Sheriff's Department in the year 1973: Six suicides and/or attempted suicides, twelve charges of assault, fifty-six charges of burglary, forty-nine charges of larceny, two charges of rape, twenty-four charges of malicious damage and/or vandalism, one arson investigation, seventeen narcotic investigations, transported fifty-eight prisoners, fifteen runaways and/or missing persons returned, attended eight alarms, one bomb threat investigation, seventy-nine motor vehicle accidents investigated, thirty-seven motor vehicle complaints and/or assists, thirty-three cases of DWI, two snow-mobile complaints, fifteen abandoned vehicles, two plane crashes, eight hundred sixty-one vehicles and/or persons checked, nine unattended deaths investigated, two charges of unnatural acts, one kidnapping case, twenty-eight animal complaints, recovered four stolen vehicles, investigated twenty-six suspicious persons and/or motor vehicles, one case of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, issued seventy-four Defective Equipment tags, investigated forty-five family disturbances, twelve drownings, eight cases of drunkenness, made four escorts, covered twenty-three fires, relayed five people, investigated one case of lewdness and one mental case, gave one hundred forty-nine motor vehicle warnings, investigated ten prowler complaints, four stolen motor vehicles and three stolen boats investigated, made two suspensions and had seven cases of weapon violations. Four hundred and forty-one arrests were made by the Department, four hundred seventy-four hours were spent by the members of the Department attending Court. During patrol, fifteen thousand two hundred ninety-two houses, business and camp checks were made by the Department.

Nine thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars and sixty-five cents worth of property was reported stolen during 1973 and seven thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars and eighty-one cents worth of stolen property was recovered by this agency. Two hundred thirteen thousand four hundred eighty-seven miles were logged by our cruisers with reference to our investigations. In 1973, the Department served one thousand four hundred nineteen civil writs and received eleven thousand nine hundred forty-five dollars and twenty-six cents in fees and mileage, which amount was turned over the Belknap County.

The Sheriff's Radio Dispatch Center is still operating at an ascending volume. Six towns in Belknap County are now receiving telephone answering service when their police stations are not manned. A total of forty-six thousand one hundred fifty-nine calls were received and processed during 1973, an increase of eight thousand two hundred forty-three over 1972. A total of one hundred fifty-one thousand two hundred seventeen radio transmissions were processed during 1973, an increase of twenty thousand eight-one over 1972.

Once again, in 1973, we were awarded the opportunity to participate in the Cadet Program funded by the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Again it may appear that we were partial to female cadets as we employed Susan Muaphy of Belmont, New Hampshire and Margaret Andrews of Laconia, New Hampshire. During the ten week program, both cadets had several hours in firearm instruction, both verbal and actual use

of the Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, .45 automatic Resing Sub-Machine gun and the .12 gauge Mosbery Shot Gun. They were also trained in all phases of the Communications Center, typing, filing and were introduced to patrol procedures.

In 1973, approximately twenty-one weeks were spent in Law Enforcement Training Schools by the Sheriff and the Deputies, who are continuously striving to improve and up-date the Department by attending schools and training sessions as the opportunity affords itself. The Belknap County Sheriffs Department is increasing in man-power and knowledge each and every year and is always striving through these elements, to increase its services to all citizens of Belknap County and is enabled therefor to offer advanced technical assistance to other police agencies in the County.

At this time I wish sincerely to thank the entire Sheriff's Department, the County Commissioners, the County Delegation and the County Attorney for their full cooperation and respectfully request their continued consideration, without which the Belknap County Sheriff's Department could not succeed as one of the finest Law Enforcement Agencies in the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald C. Alden
Commissioner Sheriff

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report as Belknap County Attorney for 1973.

Criminal Matters

A total of 194 indictments were returned by the three Grand Juries and one Special Grand Jury convened in 1973 for the commission of the following felonies:

Burglary or Accessory to Burglary	79
Possession of a narcotic drug	3
Robbery or Accomplice to robbery	7
Fraudulent check	5
Forgery	7
Grand Larceny and Larceny	6
Attempted Burglary	5
Aggravated Assault	10
Embezzlement	21
Habitual offender	1
False pretenses or accessory to false pretenses	15
Larceny by false pretenses	2
Passing a forged check	1
Larceny by check	5
Rape	3
Statutory rape	1
Abduction	3
Malicious Injury to municipal property	1
Arson	1
Sale of a controlled drug	5
Reckless operation, death resulting	2
Reckless operation	2
Possession of marijuana	1
Hit & Run, personal injury	1
Assault with intent to rape	1
Unnatural and lascivious acts	1
Manslaughter	2
Leaving the scene of an accident	1
First Degree murder	2

A total of 134 misdemeanor appeals from Municipal or District Courts were taken to the Superior Court.

A number of miscellaneous matters were handled in the course of the year, including committal or release proceedings involving persons with mental illness or suffering from retardation, extradition petitions brought before the Governor for consideration, petitions for support under the New Hampshire Uniform Civil Liability for Support Law brought before the Belknap County Superior Court, non-support complaints, petitions under the uniform act on paternity and civil matters in which the County or the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission were parties.

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Decker
Belknap County Attorney

GUNSTOCK RECREATIONAL AREA REPORT

The 1973-74 ski season was one of the shortest in Gunstock's 35 year history. The lack of snow and surplus of rain and warm weather forced Gunstock to close after only 56 days of operation. This in contrast to a normal season where the Gilford ski resort will offer at least 100 days of skiing.

The past season saw just 30 inches of natural snowfall occur while a normal year over 100 inches can be expected. Without the efforts of Gunstock's snowmaking crews who manufactured snow 67 times (11 hr. shifts) the ski season would not have exceeded 6 days.

In addition to the problems listed above the energy crisis added its impact and resulted in one of Gunstock's poorest income producing seasons.

Gunstock intends to maintain its policy of offering the lowest cost skiing in the Northeast to county residents.

Gunstock's 73 camping and summer season was termed "very successful" by area officials. Early indications give management an optimistic outlook for the 74 summer operation.

The usage of Gunstock's facilities by local groups during the summer months has grown significantly during the past 4 years. Private citizens, fraternal organizations and area industry have the summer events calendar filled to capacity. In addition during "Town Days" residents of Belknap are urged to be the guests of Gunstock and use the picnic facilities, pool and ride the chairlift at no charge.

Gunstock's summer events calendar also includes a number of very successful special events including a Craftsmens' show, Ceramics Show, Bicycle Races, Swimming Championships, Dog Show, Gem & Mineral Show and others. All these events are part of an effort by Gunstock management to make the "Area" a true year-round resort.

